GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:348
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PASSPORTS TO UNDERWORLD DON
M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in India from where Abu Salem, the underworld don, and his accomplice got passports;

(b) whether these passports were issued under fictitious names;

(c) if so, whether enquiries have been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against those found guilty in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) Abu Salem has been issued passports from Lucknow, Bhopal and Hyderabad. Monica Bedi has been issued passports from Bhopal, Hyderabad and Mumbai.

(b) Yes, Sir. Except for the passport issued to Monica Bedi from Regional Passport Office, Mumbai on June 24, 1999 in her real name, all other passports have been obtained by them under fictitious names.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) &(e) All the passports mentioned above have been revoked by the concerned passport offices. A case filed by Special Task Force(CBI) in connection with the issue of passports to Abu Salem from Regional Passport Office, Lucknow is pending trial in the court. Investigations by the police of the respective states are also going on regarding the issue of passports to Abu Salem and Monica Bedi from Hyderabad and Bhopal.